

# Motor Carrier Services

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Missouri Department of  
Transportation



## Who We Are

MoDOT Motor Carrier Services provides a single location where commercial motor carriers can obtain the information, credentials and permits they need to conduct business in Missouri. Carriers are in business to deliver goods quickly and safely at the lowest possible cost. MCS works to help carriers meet those goals.

MCS also enforces commercial vehicle safety and economic regulations to help make highways safe and fair workplaces.

Headquartered in Jefferson City, Mo., there are nine regional offices located throughout the state. Motor Carrier Services currently employs nearly 100 individuals who are dedicated to improving highway safety and saving lives.

## What We Do

### Overdimension/Overweight (OD/OW) Permits

Often, carriers are asked to transport items that are taller, wider, longer or heavier than what is routinely allowed by law. In those cases, MCS considers highway and bridge dimensions and weight limits. If a safe route is found and the carrier meets fuel, licensing and insurance requirements, a permit may be issued.

- MCS receives most permit applications over the Internet, with the remainder arriving by phone or office visit.
- Permits are available for a single trip or for several trips during a specific time period.



### International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)

IFTA is an agreement among the 48 contiguous American states and 10 Canadian provinces that simplifies the reporting and distribution of motor fuels tax among member jurisdictions. Interstate carriers receive one fuel use license which is recognized by all member jurisdictions. Licensees file quarterly returns to report the miles they traveled, the fuel they purchased and consumed and the fuel tax liability or credit due for the vehicle.

- MCS issues annual license and decals for qualified vehicles, and
- Processes quarterly fuel tax returns.

*MoDOT's mission is to provide a world-class transportation experience that delights our customers and promotes a prosperous Missouri.*

### **International Registration Plan (IRP)**

The International Registration Plan is an agreement among the contiguous 48 United States, the District of Columbia and 10 Canadian provinces. It recognizes that many motor carriers operate in several states. The agreement allows motor carriers to pay one license fee per vehicle. That revenue is portioned out to member jurisdictions based on a fee schedule and the percentage of miles the vehicle travels in each.

- MCS administers commercial vehicle registrations for carriers who operate in Missouri and other member states and provinces, and
- Issues temporary vehicle registration for carriers based in Missouri and permits for carriers based in other states and provinces who travel in and through Missouri.

### **Single State Registration System/Unified Carrier Registration Plan (SSRS/UCR)**

Through the Single State Registration System, carriers who haul on a for-hire basis register in their base state and are authorized to conduct business in each of the 38 SSRS member states. As part of the registration process, MCS checks carriers' safety records and ensures they carry adequate insurance coverage. SSRS legislation expires January 1, 2007. The USDOT and Unified Carrier Registration Board will update and implement a replacement program.

- MCS collects and distributes fees for other states, and
- Issues annual registration credentials for motor carriers registered in Missouri.

### **Hazardous Waste/Waste Tire Transporter**

Carriers who haul hazardous waste and waste tires must register with the state and pay special licensing fees. The fees go to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources fund and are used to restore and protect the environment.

- MCS carries out the licensing and registration processes, and
- Collects fees and coordinates licensing with the DNR

### **Interstate Exempt/Intrastate Regulatory Authority**

For-hire motor carriers who haul federally exempt commodities across state lines or who transport passengers within Missouri's borders must apply for authority to operate on Missouri highways.

- MCS issues annual certificates, permits and/or property carrier registration,
- Provides a one-year license to for-hire, house-moving firms, and
- Verifies that carriers hold required insurance.

*MoDOT Motor Carrier Services partners with stakeholders, including federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, the motor carrier industry, safety groups and organized labor to work toward reducing bus and truck-related crashes.*

## **24-Hour System Access**

Transportation is a 24-hour business. That's why MCS developed an Internet-based computer system that allows carriers to request permits, file reports and update equipment records any time, day or night.

- Pay permit, registration and other fees by credit or debit card or draw from an escrow account.
- Print ODOW permits, cab cards and other documents at your desk.
- Save time! No mail delay or time on hold. Do business on **your** schedule.

## **Enforcement of Missouri and Federal Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials Regulations**

MCS Safety and Compliance Inspectors examine commercial motor vehicles and review drivers' information while working to improve highway safety.

- MCS inspects vehicles and drivers' records at terminals and destinations, conducts compliance reviews and new entrant safety audits and investigates safety complaints,
- Prepares prosecution cases for serious safety violations,
- Conducts safety training, and
- Offers homeland safety and security assessments for Missouri motor carriers during terminal visits.



## **Medical Exemption Program**

MCS can issue Skill Performance Evaluation certificates to intrastate driver applicants who do not meet certain physical qualifications prescribed by law, but only if they meet alternate standards.

- Certificates can only be issued to applicants who are not otherwise physically qualified because of limb amputation, limb impairment, vision impairment or insulin-treated diabetes mellitus.
- Those who seek a medical exemption for interstate transportation or to drive across any state boundary, must submit an application to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.



## Program Involvement

### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR)**

MoDOT Motor Carrier Services, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and local police enforce federal regulations. These regulations establish safe operating requirements for commercial vehicle drivers, carrier firms, vehicles and equipment while promoting productivity and new technologies.

### **Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs)**

MCS also enforces HMRs, which are designed to ensure the safe and secure transportation of hazardous materials. These rules address the classification of hazardous materials, proper packaging, employee training, hazard communication and operational requirements.

### **Motor Carrier Safety Identification and Information Systems**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) provides safety data, state and national crash statistics, current analysis results and detailed motor carrier safety performance data to industry and the public. This data allows federal and state enforcement officials to target inspections and investigations on higher risk carriers, vehicles and drivers.

### **New Entrant Safety Assurance Process**

MCS ensures that new entrant motor carriers (carriers applying for a new USDOT number) are knowledgeable about federal motor carrier safety and hazardous materials regulations. An 18-month monitoring period for new applicants requires the carrier to pass a safety audit and demonstrate safe operations to receive permanent USDOT registration. New motor carriers that fail to maintain adequate basic safety management controls may have their temporary USDOT registration revoked.

## **Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program**

A federal grant program provides states with financial assistance to hire staff and implement strategies to enforce FMCSRs and HMRs. MCS uses MCSAP funds to conduct commercial motor vehicle inspections and review motor carriers' compliance with these regulations. MCSAP funds promote detection and correction of commercial motor vehicle safety defects, commercial-vehicle driver deficiencies and unsafe motor carrier practices before they become contributing factors to crashes and hazardous materials incidents.

## **Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM)**

A federal-state partnership that makes safe performance a requirement for obtaining and keeping commercial vehicle registration, PRISM links federal motor carrier safety records with the state's vehicle registration system. The USDOT number of the carrier responsible for safety is identified at the vehicle level – allowing the state to determine a carrier's safety fitness before issuing license plates. Safety performance is continuously monitored. Carriers prohibited by FMCSA from operating in interstate commerce may have their ability to register vehicles denied by individual states. PRISM plays a key role in removing high-risk carriers from our highways.

## **Safety Education And Outreach**

MCS is committed to educating motor carriers. When commercial drivers and motor carrier companies understand safety rules and regulations, they are more likely to comply. This reduces the likelihood they will be involved in a commercial vehicle crash.



## Helpful Web Sites

### MoDOT Online - 24-Hour Access

<https://mcs.modot.mo.gov/portal/wps/myportal/>

### Motor Carrier Programs

American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators

[www.aamva.org](http://www.aamva.org)

International Registration Plan, Inc.

[www.aamva.org/IRP/Index.asp](http://www.aamva.org/IRP/Index.asp)

International Fuel Tax Association, Inc.

[www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org)

### Federal

US Department of Transportation

[www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)

Federal Highway Administration

[www.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov)

US DOT Office of Hazardous Material Safety

<http://hazmat.dot.gov>

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations

[www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsr/fmcsrguide.htm](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsr/fmcsrguide.htm)

GPO Access

[www.gpoaccess.gov](http://www.gpoaccess.gov)

SAFER - Federal Registration Web Site

[www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov)

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[www.allaboutosha.com](http://www.allaboutosha.com)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)

### State of Missouri Links

Missouri Department of Revenue

[www.dor.mo.gov](http://www.dor.mo.gov)

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

[www.dnr.mo.gov](http://www.dnr.mo.gov)

State Emergency Management Agency

[www.sema.dps.mo.gov](http://www.sema.dps.mo.gov)

Missouri State Highway Patrol

[www.mshp.dps.mo.gov](http://www.mshp.dps.mo.gov)

Missouri Department of Transportation

[www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org)

Office of the Secretary of State

[www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov)

Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

[www.vr.dese.mo.gov](http://www.vr.dese.mo.gov)

Veterans Administration Facilities

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

### Other Safety Organization Links

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance - CVSA

[www.cvsa.org](http://www.cvsa.org)

### Missouri Metropolitan City Links

Kansas City Police Department

[www.kcpd.org](http://www.kcpd.org)

Springfield Police Department

[www.ci.springfield.mo.us/spd/index.html](http://www.ci.springfield.mo.us/spd/index.html)

Kirksville Police Department

[www.kirksvillemo.com/Police/police.html](http://www.kirksvillemo.com/Police/police.html)

St. Charles Police Department

[www.stcharlescity.com/Administration/CityAdministrator/Departments/Police](http://www.stcharlescity.com/Administration/CityAdministrator/Departments/Police)

St. Louis Police Department

[www.stlouispolicedept.org](http://www.stlouispolicedept.org)

Joplin Police Department

[www.joplinpolice.org](http://www.joplinpolice.org)

Poplar Bluff Police Department

<http://police.butlerco.org>





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